# Brazil Expected to Launch Sweeping Purge of Foes

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's military-dominated government is expected to launch a sweeping purge stripping hundreds of its opponents of their political rights, after President Arthur da Costa e Silva's first major speech since the suspension of Congress last Friday.

The president told the graduating class of the army staff school and top military leaders last night that the housecleaning undertaken following the 1964 revolution "unfortunately" had not been completed.

Hundreds lost their political rights after the army overthrew President Joao Goulart in 1964. The leftists were the chief targets then, but now it appears that critics of the military and of the status quo in Brazil are likely to be the marked men.

The current political crisis was precipitated by the refusal of Congress to lift the parliamentary immunity of a deputy who had criticized the military. Prodded by military leaders, Costa e Silva suspended Congress and assumed dictatorial powers.

Costa e Silva's speech was broadcast by radio and television. He said counterrevolutionaries had been "trying to reconquer the illegitimate positions they enjoyed," and he cited attacks on the military from the rostrum, classroom and press" but omitted a reference to attacks from the "pulpit" which was in the advance text of his speech.

In the mid-19th Century, Americans began adorning Christmas trees with candy canes. The striping and peppermint flavoring became standard about 1900.